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Title: SEGMENTED SHEETING AND METHODS OF MAKING AND
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Michelle Murphy

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 02/04/2004. Claims 1-20 are pending.

Claims 1-20 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-11 are said to be drawn to a method of making a retroreflective article, classified in Class 156, subclass 250; and
- II. Claims 12-20 are said to be drawn to a method of applying a retroreflective article to a substrate, classified in Class 156, subclass 230.

Election

In response, Applicants elect Group II (claims 12-20), without traverse.

The Examiner has further required that the Applicant elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. However, this requirement follows a statement by the Examiner that the application contains three patentably distinct species. These species are stated to be the subject matter of claim 1, the subject matter of claim 2, and the subject matter of claim 11. There is no indication in the Examiner's comments that the claims of Group II, the claims elected by the Applicant, contain more than one species. Accordingly, Applicants have made no election of an ultimate species.

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Conclusion

Applicants have elected Group II (claims 12-20). Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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- 1. Response to Restriction Requirement.**